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SENATOR SMITH: No, I...what I'm saying is the senior administration, or other places within that system, positions within that system would be eligible under this.

SENATOR McDONALD: And this is through the university?

SENATOR SMITH: I used that as an example, yes. But there would be other examples.

SENATOR McDONALD: Because the university is not a political subdivision. It's part of the government, the university. They get paid by the university...or, by the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, I'm having a hard time hearing.

SENATOR McDONALD: I know. I hate it when I have to talk and look the other way. Someone that works for the university is part of the state of Nebraska. Am I correct in saying that?

SENATOR SMITH: It's unclear, based on various judgments of...or, opinions on whether or not it's political subdivision. Some say it isn't; some say it is. And I believe that it could be construed to be a political subdivision, based on the discretion of the Legislature over the university.

SENATOR McDONALD: And maybe the only way to find out is in a court case.

SENATOR SMITH: That could be very accurate.

SENATOR McDONALD: Well, anyway, what I'm going to say here is that, you know, either you support the change or you don't. And the only way to really get a definite ruling on this, whether a political subdivision employee can serve in the Legislature, might be through a court challenge. As a body, we decide these issues daily. And either you support it or you don't support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Combs.

SENATOR COMBS: I would give my time to Senator Schimek, please.